

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tool comprising:

first and second cooperating members, each of said first and second cooperating members comprising at least a jaw section and a handle, said first and second cooperating members detachably interconnected ~~at a pivot means~~ in a mutually overlapping relationship at a pivot comprising apertures on said cooperating members that receive said pivot so as to permit movement of said jaw sections relative to one another by said handles;

a first blade comprising a tip and a base spaced from said tip, a first and a second cutting edge extending from substantially said tip and extending toward said base and a longitudinal axis of said first blade extending from said tip to said base, said first cutting edge counterposed to said second cutting edge directly across said longitudinal axis of said blade;

further comprising a tang forming the base of said first blade and a tab protruding from said tang;

a pocket having a flange formed in said first cooperating member, said pocket adapted to closely receive at least a portion of the first cutting edge or the second cutting edge of said first blade and substantially the entirety of the tang and said tab of the first blade such that said flange abuts said first blade and substantially the entirety of the tang and said tab of the first blade;

wherein said tang of said first blade defines two tang apertures,
and wherein one of said tang apertures is aligned with said apertures of said
cooperating members to receive said pivot;

said first blade removably mounted at least partially using said
pivot ~~means~~ and the engagement of the tang and the tab in said pocket to said jaw
section of said first cooperating member such that said blade can be rotated about said
longitudinal axis to face either said first cutting edge or said second cutting edge
toward said second cooperating member; and

a third cutting edge mounted to said jaw section of said second
cooperating member.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Amended) The tool of claim 2, wherein said first cutting edge of
said first blade is shielded by a flange which defines an edge of said pocket, and
wherein said second cutting edge of said first blade is exposed for cutting.

4. (Previously Amended) The tool of claim 2, wherein said first cutting edge
projects beyond an edge of said jaw section.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Amended) The tool of claim 5, wherein each of said cooperating
members defines an aperture capable of accommodating said pivot means.

7. (Original) The tool of claim 6, wherein each of said cooperating members
defines an outward-facing hexagonal recess, and said cooperating members are
detachably interconnected with a bolt fastened with a hexagonal nut.

8. (Original) The tool of claim 6, wherein said tang of said first blade defines at

least one tang aperture, and wherein said tang aperture is aligned with said apertures of said cooperating members.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The tool of claim 10 wherein said tool is hand-operated.

12. (Original) The tool of claim 11, wherein each of said cooperating members has at least two finger loops.

13. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said jaw section of one of said cooperating members is set at an angle to said handle section of the same cooperating member.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein said third edge is permanently fixed to said jaw of said second cooperating member.

16. (Original) The tool of claim 2, wherein said cooperating members are attached to each other by a manually removable nut.

17. (Previously Amended) The tool of claim 1, wherein a second blade comprises said third cutting edge and a fourth cutting edge, said third cutting edge counterposed to said fourth cutting edge across a longitudinal axis of said second blade.

18. (Previously Amended) The tool of claim 17, wherein said third cutting edge projects beyond an edge of said jaw section.

19. (Original) The tool of claim 18, wherein each of said cooperating members defines an aperture capable of accommodating a pivot means.

20. (Original) The tool of claim 18, wherein said cooperating members are

detachably interconnected with a bolt fastened with a hexagonal nut which passes through said apertures.

21. (Previously Amended) The tool of claim 20, wherein each of said blades comprises a tang forming the base of each of said tangs.

22. (Original) The tool of claim 21, further comprising a tab attached to each of said blades.

23. (Original) The tool of claim 22, wherein each of said tangs defines one tang aperture aligned with said aperture of said cooperating members.

24. (Original) The tool of claim 23, wherein each of said tangs defines two tang apertures.

25. (Original) The tool of claim 24, wherein at least one of said cooperating members has at least two finger loops.

26. (Currently amended) A method of modifying a cutting tool, comprising:
providing a pivotal member cutting tool comprising two cooperating members detachably interconnected to each other at a pivot comprising apertures on said cooperating members that receive said pivot, said tool further comprising a first removable blade comprising a tip and a base spaced from said tip, a first and a second cutting edge extending from substantially said tip and extending toward said base and a longitudinal axis of said first blade extending from said tip to said base, said first cutting edge counterposed to said second cutting edge directly across a said longitudinal axis of said blade; further comprising a tang forming the base of said first blade and a tab protruding from said tang; a pocket having a flange formed in said first cooperating member, said pocket adapted to closely receive at least a portion of the first

cutting edge or the second cutting edge of said first blade and substantially the entirety of the tang and said tab of the first blade such that said flange abuts said first blade and substantially the entirety of the tang and said tab of the first blade; wherein said tang of said first blade defines two tang apertures, and wherein one of said tang apertures is aligned with said apertures of said cooperating members to receive said pivot;

retaining said first blade in said cooperating members using said pivot and said pocket;

separating said cooperating members;

rotating said first removable blade 180 degrees around said longitudinal axis;

reconnecting said cooperating members.

27. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising providing a second removable blade having at least two edges and a longitudinal axis.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising rotating said second removable blade around said longitudinal axis.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising exchanging said first and second blades between respective cooperating members.

30. (cancelled)

31. (cancelled)

32. (cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) A cutting tool kit, comprising:

a pair of handles, wherein each of said handles defines a pocket capable of receiving a blade and an aperture for receiving a pivot;

a first pair of blades, each of the first pair of blades comprising a tip and a base spaced from said tip, at least a first and a second cutting edge extending from substantially said tip and extending toward said base and a longitudinal axis of said first blade extending from said tip to said base, said first cutting edge counterposed to said second cutting edge across a said longitudinal axis of said blade, said first blade removably mounted to said jaw section of said first cooperating member such that said blade can be rotated about said longitudinal axis 180 degrees and mounted on said handles in one of two positions, further comprising a tang forming the base of said first pair of blades and a tab protruding from said tang;

at least a second pair of blades having a different configuration from said first pair of blades, each of said second pair of blades comprising a tip and a remote end spaced from said tip, at least a first and a second cutting edge extending from substantially said tip and extending toward said remote end and a longitudinal axis of said first blade extending from said tip to said remote end, said first cutting edge counterposed to said second cutting edge across a said longitudinal axis of said blade, said first blade removably mounted to said jaw section of said first cooperating member such that said blade can be rotated about said longitudinal axis 180 degrees and mounted on said handles in one of two positions, further comprising a tang forming the base of said second pair of blades and a tab protruding from said tang;

said pocket having a flange formed in said handles, said pocket adapted to closely receive at least a portion of the first cutting edge or the second cutting edge of said first pair of blades blade and substantially the entirety of the tang and said tab of the first pair of blades such that said flange abuts said first blade and substantially the

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wherein said tangs of said first pair of blades and the tangs of the second pair of blades each define two tang apertures, and wherein one of said two tang apertures receives said pivot.

34. (cancelled)

35. (Original) The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades has a sharper point than each of said second pair of blades.

36. (Previously Amended) The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades has a duller cutting edge than the cutting edge of each of said second pair of blades.

37. (Original) The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades comprises a stronger alloy than each of said second pair of blades.

38. (Original) The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades has a tip that is more curved than a tip of each of said second pair of blades.